SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, "PROCESS FOR THE PHYSICAL DEPOLYMERIZATION OF GLYCOSAMINOGLYCANES AND PRODUCTS OBTAINED THEREFROM", please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a United States national filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international (PCT) application No. PCT/EP03/006446, filed June 18, 2003, designating the US, and claiming priority to Italian Application No. MI2002A001372, filed June 21, 2002.--